OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: 9/12/03 LUNCHEON TO HONOR 2003 AND 2002 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING RECIPIENTS

DATE 9/11/03 **CC:** MAYO

You are giving the welcome tomorrow at the mansion at the luncheon hosted by MDE to honor Mississippi's 2002 National Awardees and 2003 State Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program was established in 1983 by The White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, kindergarten through 12th grade, in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. These teachers will serve as models for their colleagues and will be leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics education. The competition alternates each year between teachers of grades K-6 (2002) and teachers of grades 7-12 (2003).

The luncheon is to honor the following:

2002 National Awardees

Cathy Lutz Math Madison Station Elementary (Madison)

Tammy Mauney Science Booneville Middle School

2003 State Finalists

John Bakelaar Math Peeples Middle School (Jackson)
Carrie Bell Science West Bolivar Middle School

Amy Burks Science Corinth Academic & Performing Arts Center

Barbara Tompkins Math Jackson Prep

Kimbery Van Uden Math Murrah High School (Jackson)

These teachers' principals and superintendents will be present, as well as members of the State Board of Education and MDE staff, with total estimated attendance between 45-50. You are first on the agenda and you should recognize Dr. Henry Johnson to also give a welcome when you finish with your welcome and brief congratulatory comments. I'm staffing you at the luncheon. You are scheduled to attend from 12:00 - 1:00.